

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
U.S. Appln. No. 09/890,463

REMARKS

In paragraph 1, on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has issued a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372 to one of the inventions of the following groups:

Group I - Claims 1-10 and 17-26, drawn to an isolated polynucleotide;

Group II - Claims 11-16, drawn to a substantially pure protein;

Group III - Claim 28, drawn to a sunscreen formulation; and

Group IV - Claims 29-31, drawn to a filter.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-10 and 17-26 without traverse. Further Applicants hereby cancel non-elected Claims 11-16 and 28-31 without prejudice to pursue the same in a Divisional Application.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at his Washington telephone number on any questions which might arise.

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